

دين الإسلام هو دين السعادة

The Religion Of Islaam Is The Religion  
Of Happiness

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## Translator's Preface

الحمد لله رب العالمين، و صلى الله و سلم على نبينا محمد، و على آله و صحبه و أتباعه بإحسان إلى يوم الدين.  
أما بعد:

All praise is due to Allaah, and may the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon our prophet Muhammad, his household, his companions and those that follow them in goodness until the day of recompense. To proceed...

Before you, is a translation of a beneficial treatise entitled 'The religion of Islaam is the religion of happiness'. This treatise was written by our noble Shaykh; Muhammad bin Hizaam Al-Ba'daane<sup>(1)</sup> (May Allaah preserve him).

The Shaykh (May Allaah preserve him) wrote this treatise whilst travelling to Malaysia calling people to the religion of Allaah in the year in 2009. Being amazed and astonished with the condition of the disbelievers there, the Shaykh (May Allaah preserve him) saw that it was upon him to clarify to the disbelievers the reality of Islaam.

After seeing the benefit and great need for this book, the Shaykh (May Allaah preserve him) gave me permission to translate his book for which I would like to thank him for.

I ask Allaah the Mighty and Majestic, that He preserves and blesses our Shaykh, and that he makes this translation sincerely for his sake, indeed he is able to do all things.

Abu Abdillah – Mustafa bin Yusuf As Somaalee:

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<sup>(1)</sup> Ash – Shaykh Muhammad bin Hizaam, is a well-known teacher in Daarul Hadeeth in Dammaaj (May Allaah protect it). The Shaykh is known for constructing beneficial lessons, and has taught in many different fields of Islamic sciences from: Tawheed and Aqeedah, Fiqh and its Usool, Hadeeth and other sciences. The Shaykh has beneficial works on the books of the Imaams of the past, most notably his explanation of 'buloogh al Maraam' called 'fathul 'alaam.

## Author's introduction

الحمد لله كثيراً، و أكبره تكبيراً، و سبحان الله بكرة و أصيلاً، وأشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له، و  
أشهد أن محمداً عبده و رسوله صلى الله عليه و على آله وسلم تسليماً كثيراً.  
أما بعد...

Many praise and thanks are due to Allaah, I magnify him with all magnificence, and glory be to Allaah in the morning and afternoon.

I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah alone, having no partners. And I testify that Muhammad is his slave and messenger, may the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him and his household and praise with much recognition. To proceed...

From the bounties of Allaah the mighty and majestic upon the slave is that he makes him a caller to His true religion.

Allaah mighty and majestic said:

﴿وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّنِي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ﴾ [فصلت: ٣٣]

*And who is better in speech than he who says my lord is Allaah (believes in His oneness) and then stands firm (acts upon his orders) and invites to Allaah and does righteous deeds and says "I am one of the Muslims".*  
(Fussilat:41:33).

And it has been recorded in the Saheeh of Imaam Muslim on the authority of Abu Hurairah (may Allaah be pleased with him) who said: The messenger of Allaah (may the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

﴿مَنْ دَعَا إِلَى هُدًى كَانَ لَهُ مِثْلُ أُجُورٍ مَنْ تَبِعَهُ لَا يَنْقُصُ ذَلِكَ مِنْ أُجُورِهِمْ شَيْئًا﴾

*"Whoever calls to guidance will have the reward similar to those who follow him, without their reward diminishing in any way"*

It has also been reported in the two saheehs on the authority of Sahl bin Sa'ad As-Saa'idee (may Allaah be pleased with him) that the messenger of Allaah (may the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

﴿لَأنَّ يَهْدِي اللهُ بِكَ رَجُلًا وَاحِدًا خَيْرٌ لَكَ مِنْ حُمْرِ النَّعَمِ﴾

*“If Allaah guides even one person through you, that is better for you than (possessing a great number of) red camels”*

From the virtues of Allaah upon me, and all praise and gratitude belong to him alone, the almighty and exalted is that He made it easy for me to visit Malaysia to invite to the way of Allaah, the almighty, the exalted.

We reached there on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Rajab 1430H. I was astonished with what I saw from the condition of the disbelievers in that country and their actions. They have multiplied in that country to the extent that they have reached 40% of the country's population.

I was also amazed with the condition of the Muslims and what happened to them from ignorance and misguidance. I therefore saw it to be obligatory upon me that I write this treatise regarding the call to Islaam, holding onto it and warning from disbelief and the disbelievers so that I may clear myself from anything that I may be held responsible for and to establish the proof upon the disbelievers and reminding the Muslims of their truthful religion and urging them to be firm upon it.

For that reason I wrote this treatise which I entitled 'The religion of Islaam is the religion of happiness' during my stay in Malaysia.

I ask Allaah the mighty and majestic that He benefits me with it (this treatise) in the worldly life and the hereafter and that He makes it sincerely for his face. And I ask Allaah that He makes it of benefit to his slaves, verily He is capable to do all things.

How perfect are you O Allaah, and I praise you, I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except you. I seek your forgiveness and turn to you in remembrance.

Written by:

Abu 'Abdillah Muhammad bin Alee bin Hizaam Al – Yamaanee

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### The religion of Islaam is the religion of Happiness

الحمد لله و الصلاة والسلام على رسول الله و على آله و صحبه و من والاه.

All praise and thanks are due to Allaah and may the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon the messenger of Allaah, his household, companions and whoever follows him.

Indeed Allaah the mighty and majestic sent his prophet Muhammad (may the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) with Islaam, guidance, light and mercy. Allaah the most high said:

﴿هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ

وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ﴾ [الجمعة: ٢]

*He it is Who sent among the unlettered ones a Messenger (Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) from among themselves, reciting to them His Verses, purifying them (from the filth of disbelief and polytheism), and teaching them the Book (this Quran, Islamic laws and Islamic jurisprudence) and Al-Hikmah (As-Sunnah: legal ways, orders, acts of worship, etc. of Prophet Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam). And verily, they had been before in manifest error. [Al-Jumu'ah:62:2]*

And He the most high said:

﴿وَمَن يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَن يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ﴾

[آل عمران: ٨٥]

*And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers. [Aali 'Imraan:85]*

And He the mighty and majestic said:

﴿وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ﴾ [الأنبياء: ١٠٧]

*And We have sent you (O Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) not but as a mercy for the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists).*

[Al-'Anbiya:21:107]

- ❖ Islaam is the religion that Allaah has obligated upon His slaves and is pleased with it for them. Allaah is not pleased with a religion other than it. Allaah the mighty and majestic said:

﴿الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتِمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا﴾

[المائدة: ٣]

*This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islaam as your religion. [Al-Maa'idah:5:3]*

- ❖ Whoever holds onto the religion of Islaam will find an opening in his breast and peace in his heart and will live in great happiness. Allaah the most high said:

﴿فَمَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَهْدِيَهُ يَشْرَحْ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ وَمَنْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يُضِلَّهُ يَجْعَلْ صَدْرَهُ ضَيِّقًا

حَرَجًا كَأَنَّمَا يَصَّعَّدُ فِي السَّمَاءِ﴾ [الأنعام: ١٢٥]

*And whomsoever Allah wills to guide, He opens his breast to Islam, and whomsoever He wills to send astray, He makes his breast closed and constricted, as if he is climbing up to the sky. [Al-An'aam:6:125]*

And Allaah the mighty and majestic said:

﴿فَمَنْ أَتَّبَعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا يَضِلُّ وَلَا يَشْقَى \* وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا

وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ أَعْمَى \* قَالَ رَبِّ لِمَ حَشَرْتَنِي أَعْمَى وَقَدْ كُنْتُ بَصِيرًا \* قَالَ كَذَلِكَ

أَتَتْكَ آيَاتُنَا فَنَسِيتَهَا وَكَذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ تُنْسَى﴾ [طه: ١٢٣-١٢٦]

*Then whoever follows My Guidance shall neither go astray, nor fall into distress and misery. "But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither believes in this Quran nor acts on its orders, etc.) verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection". He will say: "O my Lord! Why have you raised me up blind, while I had sight (before). (Allah) will say: "Like this, Our Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) came unto you, but you disregarded them (i.e. you left them, did not think deeply in them, and you turned away from them), and so this Day, you will be neglected (in the Hell-fire, away from Allah's Mercy)." [Ta-ha:20:123-126]*

And Allaah the mighty and majestic also said:

﴿مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّن ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أَنثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيٰوةً طَيِّبَةً وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ

أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿[النحل: ٩٧]

*Whoever works righteousness, whether male or female, while he (or she) is a true believer (of Islamic Monotheism) verily, to him We will give a good life (in this world with respect, contentment and lawful provision), and We shall pay them certainly a reward in proportion to the best of what they used to do (i.e. Paradise in the Hereafter). [An-Nahl:16:97]*

- ❖ Whoever holds onto the religion of Islaam is worthy of entering jannah (paradise) by the mercy of Allaah. Allaah the most high said:

﴿الْأَخِلَّاءُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُم لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ \* يَعْبَادِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْكُمُ الْيَوْمَ وَلَا

أَنْتُمْ تَحْزَنُونَ \* الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَكَانُوا مُسْلِمِينَ \* ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ أَنْتُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ

تُحِبُّونَ \* يُطَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِصِحَافٍ مِّن ذَهَبٍ وَأَكْوَابٍ وَفِيهَا مَا تَشْتَهِيهِ الْأَنفُسُ وَتَلَذُّ

الْأَعْيُنُ وَأَنْتُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿[الزخرف: ٦٧-٧١]

*Friends on that Day will be foes one to another except Al-Muttaqun (the pious). (It will be said to the true believers of Islamic Monotheism): My worshippers! No fear shall be on you this Day, nor shall you grieve, (You) who believed in Our Ayat (proofs, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) and were Muslims (i.e. who submit totally to Allah's Will, and believe in the Oneness of Allah - Islamic Monotheism). Enter Paradise, you and your wives, in happiness. Trays of gold and cups will be passed round them, (there will be) therein all that the one's inner-selves could desire, all that the eyes could delight in, and you will abide therein forever. [Az-Zukhruf:43:67-71]*

- ❖ Whoever turns away from the religion of Islaam and dies upon kufr (disbelief) is punished in his grave. That person is also punished in the hell-fire eternally therein. Allaah the mighty and majestic said:

﴿وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذِ الظَّالِمُونَ فِي غَمَرَاتِ الْمَوْتِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ بَاسِطُوٓا۟ أَيْدِيَهُمْ أَخْرِجُوا أَنفُسَكُمُ

الْيَوْمَ تُجْزَوْنَ عَذَابَ الْهُونِ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ غَيْرَ الْحَقِّ وَكُنْتُمْ عَنْ آيَاتِهِ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿

[الأنعام: ٩٣]

"And if you could but see when the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.) are in the agonies of death, while the angels are stretching forth their hands (saying): "Deliver your souls! This day you shall be recompensed with the torment of degradation because of what you used to utter against Allah other than the truth. And you used to reject His Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) with disrespect!" [Al-An'aam:6:93]

And Allaah the most high said:

﴿سَنُعَذِّبُهُمْ مَرَّتَيْنِ ثُمَّ يُرَدُّوْنَ إِلَىٰ عَذَابٍ عَظِيمٍ﴾ [التوبة: ١٠١]

And among the bedouins round about you, some are hypocrites, and so are some among the people of Al-Madīnah, they exaggerate and persist in hypocrisy, you (O Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) know them not, We know them. We shall punish them twice, and thereafter they shall be brought back to a great (horrible) torment. [At-Tawbah:9:101]

“We shall punish him twice”: Once in this worldly life by way of calamities and another time in the grave. Then they shall be brought back and thrown in the hell-fire. We seek refuge in Allaah from it.

And Allaah the mighty and majestic said:

﴿النَّارُ يُعْرَضُونَ عَلَيْهَا غُدُوًّا وَعَشِيًّا وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ أَدْخِلُوا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ أَشَدَّ

الْعَذَابِ﴾ [غافر: ٤٦]

The Fire; they are exposed to it, morning and afternoon, and on the Day when the Hour will be established (it will be said to the angel(s): "Cause Fir'aun's (Pharaoh) people to enter the severest torment!" [Ghaafir:40:46]

And He the all-mighty and the majestic said:

﴿إِنَّ الْمُجْرِمِينَ فِي عَذَابٍ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدُونَ \* لَا يُفْتَرُ عَنْهُمْ وَهُمْ فِيهِ مُبْلِسُونَ \* وَمَا ظَلَمْنَاهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا هُمُ الظَّالِمِينَ \* وَنَادَوْا بِمَلَائِكَةِ رَبِّهِمْ عَلَيْكُمْ فَيَقُصُّ عَلَيْهِمْ مَقْصُرُكُمْ \* لَقَدْ جِئْتَكُمْ بِالْحَقِّ

وَلَكِنْ أَكْثَرَكُمْ لِلْحَقِّ كَرِهُونَ﴾ [الزخرف: ٧٤ - ٧٨]



*Verily, the Mujrimun (criminals, sinners, disbelievers, etc.) will be in the torment of Hell to abide therein forever. (The torment) will not be lightened for them, and they will be plunged into destruction with deep regrets, sorrows and in despair therein. We wronged them not, but they were the Zalimun (polytheists, wrong-doers, etc.). And they will cry: "O Malik (Keeper of Hell)! Let your Lord make an end of us." He will say: "Verily you shall abide forever." Indeed We have brought the truth (Muhammad SAW with the Quran), to you, but most of you have a hatred for the truth. [Az-Zukhruf:43:74-78]*

And He the most high said:

﴿وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَهُمْ نَارُ جَهَنَّمَ لَا يُقْضَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ فَيَمُوتُوا وَلَا يُخَفَّفُ عَنْهُمْ مِنْ عَذَابِهَا ۚ كَذَٰلِكَ نَجْزِي كُلَّ كَافٍ \* وَهُمْ يَصْطَرِّحُونَ فِيهَا رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا نَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا غَيْرَ الَّذِي كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ ۖ أَوَلَمْ نُعَمِّرْكُم مَّا يَتَذَكَّرُ فِيهِ مَنْ تَذَكَّرَ وَجَاءَكُمُ النَّذِيرُ فَذُوقُوا فَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ نَصِيرٍ﴾ [فاطر: ٣٦-٣٧]

*But those who disbelieve, (in the Oneness of Allah - Islamic Monotheism) for them will be the Fire of Hell. Neither it will have a complete killing effect on them so that they die, nor shall its torment be lightened for them. Thus do We requite every disbeliever! Therein they will cry: "Our Lord! Bring us out, we shall do righteous good deeds, not (the evil deeds) that we used to do." (Allah will reply): "Did We not give you lives long enough, so that whosoever would receive admonition, - could receive it? And the warner came to you. So taste you (the evil of your deeds). For the Zalimun (polytheists and wrongdoers, etc.) there is no helper." [Faatiir:35:36-37]*

- ❖ Islaam enjoins upon every Muslim to give everybody his due right. It is obligatory upon every Muslim to fulfil the right of Allaah and that is worshipping Allaah alone and not associating partners with him. Therefore an act of worship is not to be diverted to other than Allaah. So do not worship the sun, the moon, the stars, fire, trees, rocks, cows, idols, graves, the righteous or prophets.

All acts of worship such as: prostrating, bowing, glorification, submission, love, fear, vows, slaughtering, supplication, seeking refuge, seeking aid and other types of worship should be offered to Allaah alone. Allaah the most high said:

﴿قُلْ إِن صَّلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ \* لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَبِذَٰلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ﴾ [الأنعام: ١٦٢-١٦٣]

Say (O Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam): "Verily, my Salat (prayer), my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allah, the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists). "He has no partner. And of this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims." [Al-An'aam:6:162-163].

- ❖ The religion of Islaam enjoins upon every Muslim that he fulfils the rights of His messenger Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam and that is to follow his guidance (that which he came with) and to believe in his message and his prophet-hood. Allaah the almighty said:

﴿قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ﴾

[آل عمران: ٣١]

Say (O Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam to mankind): "If you (really) love Allah then follow me (i.e. accept Islamic Monotheism, follow the Quran and the Sunnah), Allah will love you and forgive you of your sins. And Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." [Aali-Imraan:3:31]

And Allaah the most high said:

﴿وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَتَّبِعْ غَيْرَ سَبِيلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ نُوَلِّهِ مَا تَوَلَّىٰ وَنُصْلِهِ جَهَنَّمَ ۖ وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا﴾

[النساء: ١١٥]

And whoever contradicts and opposes the Messenger (Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam to mankind) after the right path has been shown clearly to him, and follows other than the believers' way. We shall keep him in the path he has chosen, and burn him in Hell - what an evil destination. [An-Nisaa:4:115]

- ❖ The religion of Islaam enjoins upon the Muslim that he fulfils the rights of his parents by obeying them, treating them with kindness and showing them mercy. Allaah the most high said in his noble book.

﴿وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا

أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٍّ وَلَا نَهَرَهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا \* وَأَخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ

الذِّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا﴾ [الإسراء: ٢٣-٢٤]

*And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him. And that you be dutiful to your parents. If one of them or both of them attain old age in your life, say not to them a word of disrespect, nor shout at them but address them in terms of honour. And lower unto them the wing of submission and humility through mercy, and say: "My Lord! Bestow on them Your Mercy as they did bring me up when I was small." [Al-Israa':17:23-24]*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam enjoins upon the Muslim that he obeys the one in command of the affairs (leaders) in the obedience of Allaah the mighty and the majestic, with the saying of the messenger sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam:

«عَلَى الْمَرْءِ الْمُسْلِمِ السَّمْعُ وَالطَّاعَةُ فِيمَا أَحَبَّ وَكَرِهَ؛ مَا لَمْ يُؤْمَرْ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ؛ فَإِنْ أُمِرَ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ فَلَا سَمْعَ وَلَا طَاعَةَ» [مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ ، عَنْ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا]

*It is obligatory upon a Muslim that he should listen (to the ruler appointed over him) and obey him whether he likes it or not, except that he is ordered to do a sinful thing. If he is ordered to do a sinful act, a Muslim should neither listen to him nor should he obey his orders. (Agreed upon, on the authority of Ibn 'Umar may Allaah be pleased with them).*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam enjoins upon the ones in command of the affairs (leaders) that they be lenient towards the Muslims and that they establish the religion of Islaam in the land and that they judge by the book (Qur'aan) and Sunnah. The religion of Islaam also enjoins upon the commanders of the affairs that they establish punishment laws and that they return the rights to its people and that they aid the weak and the oppressed. The messenger sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said.

«اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ وَلِيَ مِنْ أَمْرِ أُمَّتِي شَيْئًا فَشَقَّ عَلَيْهِمْ فَاشْتَقُّ عَلَيْهِ، وَمَنْ وَلِيَ مِنْ أَمْرِ أُمَّتِي شَيْئًا فَرَفَقَ بِهِمْ فَارْفُقْ بِهِ» [رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ ، عَنْ عَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا]

*O Allaah, who (happens to) acquire some kind of control over the affairs of my people and is hard upon them be hard upon him, and who (happens to) acquire some kind of control over the affairs of my people and is kind to them be kind to him. (Narrated by Muslim, on the authority of 'Aisha may Allaah be pleased with him).*

And he sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«مَا مِنْ عَبْدٍ يَسْتَرْعِيهِ اللَّهُ رَعِيَّةً يَمُوتُ يَوْمَ يَمُوتُ وَهُوَ غَاشٌّ لِرَعِيَّتِهِ إِلَّا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ

عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ» [رَوَاهُ الشَّيْخَانِ ، مِنْ حَدِيثِ مَعْقِلِ بْنِ يَسَارٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ]

*There is no slave whom Allaah appoints as a ruler over a people and dies while he had been treacherous to his people, except Allaah forbids his entry into Paradise.(narrated by Al- Bukhaari and Muslim on the authority of Ma'qal bin Yasaar may Allaah be pleased with him).*

And Allaah the mighty and majestic said:

﴿وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ \* الَّذِينَ إِنْ مَكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ

أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوْا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَمَرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَلِلَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ

الْأُمُورِ﴾ [الحج: ٤٠ - ٤١]

*Verily, Allah will help those who help His (Cause). Truly, Allah is All-Strong, All-Mighty. Those (Muslim rulers) who, if We give them power in the land, (they) order for Iqamat-as-Salat. [i.e. to perform the five compulsory congregational Salat (prayers) (the males in mosques)], to pay the Zakat and they enjoin Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do), and forbid Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism and all that Islam has forbidden) [i.e. they make the Quran as the law of their country in all the spheres of life]. And with Allah rests the end of (all) matters (of creatures). [Al-Hajj:22:40-41]*

And He the most high said:

﴿وَمَنْ لَمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ﴾ [المائدة: ٤٤]

*And whosoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed, such are the Kafirun (i.e. disbelievers - of a lesser degree as they do not act on Allah's Laws). [Al-Maa'idah:5:44]*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam enjoins upon every Muslim to be just and to speak the truth about himself and others. Allaah the most high said:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ لِلَّهِ شُهَدَاءَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ



شَنَانُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا أَعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ ﴿٨﴾ [المائدة: ٨]

*O you who believe! Stand out firmly for Allah and be just witnesses and let not the enmity and hatred of others make you avoid justice. Be just: that is nearer to piety, and fear Allah. Verily, Allah is Well-Acquainted with what you do. [Al-Maa'idah:5:8]*

And He the most high said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ إِن يَكُنْ غَنِيًّا أَوْ فَقِيرًا فَاللَّهُ أَوْلَىٰ بِهِمَا فَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا الْهَوَىٰ أَنْ تَعْدِلُوا وَإِنْ تَلَوْا أَوْ نَعَرَضُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا ﴿١٣٥﴾ [النساء: ١٣٥]

*O you who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even though it be against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, be he rich or poor, Allah is a Better Protector to both (than you). So follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest you may avoid justice, and if you distort your witness or refuse to give it, verily, Allah is Ever Well-Acquainted with what you do. [An - Nisaa:4:135]*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam enjoins upon every Muslim that he honours his guests and neighbours and to maintain good relations with kin and other relatives. The prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ؛ فَلْيُكْرِمْ ضَيْفَهُ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ؛ فَلْيُكْرِمْ جَارَهُ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ؛ فَلْيَصِلْ رَحِمَهُ» [مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ]

*"He who believes in Allaah and the Last Day, let him be hospitable to his guest; and he who believes in Allaah and the Last Day, let him honour his neighbour; and he who believes in Allaah and the last day let him maintain good the ties of blood relationship". (Agreed upon by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim on the authority of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him).*

And the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَاطِعٌ» [مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ عَنْ جُبَيْرِ بْنِ مُطْعِمٍ]

*"The one who severs (the ties of kinship) will not enter Jannah (paradise)". (Agreed upon by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim on the authority of Jubair bin Mut'im, may Allaah be pleased with him).*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam obligates upon the Muslim that he avoids harming his Muslim brother. Allaah the most high said:

﴿وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْذُونَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ بَغَيْرِ مَا اكْتَسَبُوا فَقَدْ احْتَمَلُوا

بُهْتَانًا وَإِثْمًا مُّبِينًا﴾ [الأحزاب: ٥٨]

*And those who annoy believing men and women undeservedly, bear on themselves the crime of slander and plain sin. [Al-Ahzaab:33:58]*

And the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«الْمُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ» [مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو

بْنِ الْعَاصِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا]

*“The Muslim is the one from whose hands and tongue Muslims are safe”.  
(Agreed upon by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim on the authority of Abdullaah bin 'Amr bin Al-'Aas may Allaah be pleased with them).*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam obligates upon the Muslim that he avoids harming animals. It is reported in the two saheehs (authentic books, Al-Bukhaari and Muslim) on the authority of 'Abdullaah bin 'Umar may Allaah be pleased with him who said, the messenger of Allaah sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«عُذِّبَتْ امْرَأَةٌ فِي هَرَّةٍ حَبَسَتْهَا، لَا هِيَ أَطْعَمَتْهَا وَسَقَتْهَا، وَلَا هِيَ تَرَكَتْهَا تَأْكُلُ مِنْ

خَشَاشِ الْأَرْضِ، حَتَّى مَاتَتْ جُوعًا»

*“A woman was punished in Hell because of a cat which she had confined until it died. She did not give it to eat or to drink when it was confined, nor did she free it so that it might eat the vermin of the earth”.*

Islam has permitted Muslims to marry according to the Islamic Law which is a means to safeguard the private parts and lower the gaze and has forbidden fornication which results in the loss of lineage, violation of symptoms, hardness of heart, the spreading of diseases. Allaah the most high said:

﴿فَأَنْكِحُوا مَا طَابَ لَكُمْ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ مَثْنَى وَثُلَاثَ وَرُبْعَ فَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا فَوَاحِدَةً أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ

أَيْمَانُكُمْ ذَلِكَ أَدْنَى أَلَّا تَعُولُوا﴾ [النساء: ٣]

*And if you fear that you shall not be able to deal justly with the orphan-girls, then marry (other) women of your choice, two or three, or four but if*

*you fear that you shall not be able to deal justly (with them), then only one or (the captives and the slaves) that your right hands possess. That is nearer to prevent you from doing injustice. [An-Nisaa:4:3]*

And Allaah the most high said:

﴿وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الزِّنَىٰ إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَحِشَةً وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا﴾ [الإسراء: ٣٢]

*And come not near to the unlawful sexual intercourse. Verily, it is a Fahishah [i.e. anything that transgresses its limits (a great sin)], and an evil way (that leads one to Hell unless Allah forgives him).*

[Al-Israa:17:32]

And Allaah the most high said:

﴿الزَّانِيَةُ وَالزَّانِي فَاجْلِدُوا كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِّنْهُمَا مِائَةً جَلْدَةٍ وَلَا تَأْخُذْكُمْ بِهِمَا رَأْفَةٌ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَلْيَشْهَدْ عَذَابُهُمَا طَائِفَةٌ مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾ [النور: ٢]

*The woman and the man guilty of illegal sexual intercourse, flog each of them with a hundred stripes. Let not pity withhold you in their case, in a punishment prescribed by Allah, if you believe in Allah and the Last Day. And let a party of the believers witness their punishment. (This punishment is for unmarried persons guilty of the above crime but if married persons commit it, the punishment is to stone them to death, according to Allah's Law). [An-Nur:24:2]*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam encourages feeding the needy, the orphans and widows. It is desirable in Islaam to show them kindness towards them. The messenger of Allaah sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«السَّاعِي عَلَى الْأَرْزَمَةِ وَالْمُسْكِينِ كَالْمُجَاهِدِ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ، وَكَالصَّائِمِ الَّذِي لَا يُفْطِرُ، وَالْقَانِتِ الَّذِي لَا يَفْتُرُ» [مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ]

*“One who cares for widows and the poor is like those who fight in the way of Allah and those who fast continuously and those who pray all night without any slackness”. [Agreed upon by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim on the authority of Abu Hurairah may Allaah be pleased with him].*

And he sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said on the day of slaughtering in the sacred month and the sacred town:

«كَافِلُ الْيَتِيمِ أَنَا وَهُوَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ كَهَاتَيْنِ» وَأَشَارَ بِإِصْبَعَيْهِ.

[مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ]

*"I and the person who looks after an orphan will be in Paradise like this" putting his index and middle fingers together. [Agreed upon by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim on the authority of Abu Hurairah may Allaah be pleased with him].*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam gives great importance to the sanctity of a Muslim's wealth, blood, and honour. The prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«إِنَّ دِمَاءَكُمْ، وَأَمْوَالَكُمْ، وَأَعْرَاضَكُمْ، عَلَيْكُمْ حَرَامٌ، كَحُرْمَةِ يَوْمِكُمْ هَذَا، فِي

شَهْرِكُمْ هَذَا، فِي بَلَدِكُمْ هَذَا» [مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ ، عَنْ أَبِي بَكْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ]

*Indeed your blood, your properties and your honours are as sacred as the sanctity of this day of yours in this month of yours, in this town of yours. [Agreed upon by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim on the authority of Abi Bakrah may Allaah be pleased with him].*

And he sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«بِحَسْبِ امْرِئٍ مِنَ الشَّرِّ أَنْ يَحْقِرَ أَخَاهُ الْمُسْلِمَ، كُلُّ الْمُسْلِمِ عَلَى الْمُسْلِمِ

حَرَامٌ دَمُهُ، وَمَالُهُ، وَعَرِضُهُ» [أَخْرَجَهُ مُسْلِمٌ ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ]

*It is evil enough for a man to hold his brother Muslim in contempt. The whole of a Muslim for another Muslim is inviolable: his blood, his property, and his honour." [Narrated by Muslim on the authority of Abu Hurairah may Allaah be pleased with him].*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam commands the Muslims to co-operate upon good and forbids co-operating upon evil. Allaah the most high said:

﴿وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ﴾ [المائدة: ٢]

*Help you one another in Al-Birr and At-Taqla (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression.*

[Al-Maa'idah:5:2]



And the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«مَنْ نَفَسَ عَنْ مُؤْمِنٍ كُرْبَةً مِنْ كُرْبِ الدُّنْيَا نَفَسَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ كُرْبَةً مِنْ كُرْبِ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ، وَمَنْ يَسَّرَ عَلَى مُعْسِرٍ يَسَّرَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ، وَمَنْ سَتَرَ مُسْلِمًا سَتَرَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ، وَاللَّهُ فِي عَوْنِ الْعَبْدِ مَا كَانَ الْعَبْدُ فِي عَوْنِ أَخِيهِ» [أَخْرَجَهُ مُسْلِمٌ عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ]

*“Whosoever removes a worldly grief from a believer, Allah will remove from him one of the griefs of the Day of Judgment. Whosoever alleviates [the lot of] a needy person, Allah will alleviate [his lot] in this world and the next. Whosoever shields a Muslim, Allah will shield him in this world and the next. Allah will aid a servant [of His] so long as the servant aids his brother”. [Narrated by Muslim on the authority of Abi Hurairah may Allaah be pleased with him].*

And he sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«الْمُؤْمِنُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ كَالْبُنْيَانِ يَشُدُّ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا» [مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ عَنْ أَبِي مُوسَى الْأَشْعَرِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ]

*The believer to another believer is like a building whose different parts support each other. [Agreed upon by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim on the authority of Abi Muusaa Al-Ash'aree may Allaah be pleased with him].*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam has elevated the status of women and has honoured them during their childhood, youth and childhood. During their childhood, it is obligatory upon her parents to be responsible for her. And during her youth it is obligatory upon her husband that he lives honourably with her, protects her, feeds her, and clothes her in a reasonable manner. During her old age, it is obligatory upon her children to be responsible for her.
- ❖ The religion of Islaam encourages the Muslim to eat from that which he has worked for and has prohibited begging. It is narrated in the saheeh of Imaam Al-Bukaari on the authority of Al-Miqdaam Ibn Ma'di karb (may Allaah be pleased with him) that the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«مَا أَكَلَ أَحَدٌ طَعَامًا خَيْرًا مِنْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ مِنْ عَمَلٍ يَدِهِ، وَإِنَّ نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ دَاوُدَ كَانَ يَأْكُلُ مِنْ عَمَلٍ يَدِهِ»

*“Nobody has ever eaten a better meal than that which one has earned by working with one's own hands. The Prophet of Allah, David used to eat from the earnings of his manual labour”.*

And in the two saheehs on the authority of Ibn Umar (may Allaah be pleased with them) that the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«لَا يَزَالُ الرَّجُلُ يَسْأَلُ النَّاسَ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَلَيْسَ فِي وَجْهِهِ مُزْعَةٌ لَحْمٌ»  
“A man will keep on asking people until he comes on the Day of Judgment without any piece of flesh on his face.”

- ❖ The religion of Islaam has made cheating, lying and deception unlawful in all dealings. The prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«مَنْ غَشَّنَا فَلَيْسَ مِنَّا» [أَخْرَجَهُ مُسْلِمٌ عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ]

“Whoever cheats us is not one of us” [Recorded by Muslim on the authority of Abi Hurairah may Allaah be pleased with him].

And Allaah the mighty and majestic said in his noble book.

﴿وَبَلِّغْ لِلْمُطَفِّفِينَ \* الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَكَالُوا عَلَى النَّاسِ يَسْتَوْفُونَ \* وَإِذَا كَالُوهُمْ أَوْ وَزَنُوهُمْ يُخْسِرُونَ﴾

[المطففين: ١-٣]

Woe to Al-Mutaffifin [those who give less in measure and weight (decrease the rights of others)], Those who, when they have to receive by measure from men, demand full measure, And when they have to give by measure or weight to men, give less than due. [Al-Mutaffifeen:83:1-3]

- ❖ The religion of Islaam forbids lying, treachery, and betrayal for indeed the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«آيَةُ الْمُنَافِقِ ثَلَاثٌ: إِذَا حَدَّثَ كَذَبَ، وَإِذَا وَعَدَ أَخْلَفَ، وَإِذَا أُؤْتِمِنَ خَانَ»

“The signs of a hypocrite are three: whenever he speaks, he lies; whenever he promises, he breaks his promise; and whenever he is trusted, he betrays his trust.”

- ❖ The religion of Islaam prohibited oppression, as occurs in the two saheehs on the authority of Ibn 'Umar [may Allaah be pleased with them] that the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«اتَّقُوا الظُّلْمَ؛ فَإِنَّ الظُّلْمَ ظُلُمَاتٌ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ»

*Fear oppression, for verily oppression is darkness on the day of judgement.*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam does not virtue a person over another, except through piety. He the most high said:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ

عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ﴾ [الحجرات: ١٣]

*O mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily, the most honourable of you with Allah is that (believer) who has At-Taqla [piety] Verily, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware. [Al-Hujaraat:49:13]*

And the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«لَا فَضْلَ لِعَرَبٍ عَلَىٰ عَجَمِيٍّ، وَلَا لِأَبْيَضٍ عَلَىٰ أَسْوَدٍ إِلَّا بِالتَّقْوَىٰ، كُلُّكُمْ مِنْ آدَمَ،

وَأَدَمُ مِنْ تُرَابٍ» [أَخْرَجَهُ أَحْمَدُ بِإِسْنَادٍ صَحِيحٍ]

*“An Arab has no superiority over the non-Arab, neither is the white superior to the black except through taqla (piety). All of you are from Adam and Adam is from dust.” [Recorded by Ahmad, with an authentic chain of narration].*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam obligates upon the Muslim that he nurtures his children and educate his family upon the obedience of Allaah the mighty and majestic. Allaaah the most high said:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا

يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ﴾ [التحریم: ٦٠]

*O you who believe! Ward off from yourselves and your families a Fire (Hell) whose fuel is men and stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe, who disobey not, (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allah, but do that which they are commanded.*

*[At-Tahreem:66:6]*

And He the most high said:

﴿وَأْمُرْ أَهْلَكَ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَاصْطَبِرْ عَلَيْهَا﴾ [طه: ١٣٢]

*And enjoin As-Salat (the prayer) on your family, and be patient in offering them [i.e. the Salat (prayers)]. [Ta-ha:20:132]*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam enjoins upon the Muslim that he loves for his brother [in faith] that which he loves for himself. Just as he likes goodness and happiness for himself in this world and the next, it is obligatory upon him that he likes that for other than himself. He sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّى يُحِبَّ لِأَخِيهِ مَا يُحِبُّ لِنَفْسِهِ»

[مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ ، عَنْ أَنَسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ]

*“None of you [truly] believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.” [Agreed upon by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim on the authority of Anas may Allah be pleased with him].*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam enjoins upon the Muslims to unite upon the kitaab [Qur'aan] and sunnah and nullifies division and differing. He the most high said:

﴿وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً

فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا﴾ [آل عمران: ١٠٣]

*And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah (i.e. this Quran), and be not divided among yourselves, and remember Allah's Favour on you, for you were enemies one to another but He joined your hearts together, so that, by His Grace, you became brethren (in Islamic Faith), and you were on the brink of a pit of Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus Allah makes His Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.,) clear to you, that you may be guided. [Aali 'Imraan:3:103]*

And he the most high said:

﴿شَرَعَ لَكُمْ مِنَ الدِّينِ مَا وَصَّى بِهِ نُوحًا وَالَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ وَمَا وَصَّيْنَا بِهِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

وَمُوسَى وَعِيسَى أَنْ أَقِيمُوا الدِّينَ وَلَا تَتَفَرَّقُوا فِيهِ﴾ [الشورى: ١٣]

*He (Allah) has ordained for you the same religion (Islam) which He ordained for Nuh (Noah), and that which We have inspired in you (O Muhammad SAW), and that which We ordained for Ibrahim (Abraham), Musa (Moses) and 'Iesa (Jesus) saying you should establish religion (i.e. to do what it orders you to do*



*practically), and make no divisions in it (religion) (i.e. various sects in religion).*  
[Ash-Shuraa:42:13]

And he the most high said:

﴿وَلَا تَنَزَعُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ فِي دِينِكُمْ وَلَا تَنَزَعُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ وَلَا تَنَزَعُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ وَلَا تَنَزَعُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ﴾ [الأنفال: ٤٦]  
*And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute (with one another) lest you lose courage and your strength depart, and be patient. Surely, Allah is with those who are As-Sabirin (the patient ones). [Al-Anfaal:8:46]*

- ❖ The religion of Islaam has prohibited everything that could harm mankind from foods and drinks. He the most high said:

﴿وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ﴾ [الأعراف: ١٥٧]  
*He allows them as lawful At-Taiyibat [(i.e. all good and lawful) as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods, etc.], and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khaba'ith (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods, etc.). [Al-'Araaf:7:157]*

And the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«لَا ضَرَرَ وَلَا ضِرَارَ»  
“There should be neither harming nor reciprocating harm.”

- ❖ The religion of Islaam which is the religion of truth has many specific and distinguishing characteristics that cannot be found in any other religion. It is therefore obligatory upon all mankind to act upon this great religion, to hold onto Islaam and to leave off all the other religions which are contrary to this monotheistic religion. Allaah the most high said:

﴿أَفَغَيْرَ دِينِ اللَّهِ يَبْغُونَ وَلَهُ أَسْلَمَ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ طَوْعًا وَكَرْهًا وَإِلَيْهِ يُرْجَعُونَ﴾ [آل عمران: ٨٣]

*Do they seek other than the religion of Allah (the true Islamic Monotheism worshipping none but Allah Alone), while to Him submitted all creatures in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly. And to Him shall they all be returned. [Aali 'Imraan:3:83]*

And He the most high said:

﴿وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ﴾

[آل عمران: ٨٥]

*And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers. [Aali 'Imraan:3:85]*

- ❖ Whoever wants to act upon the religion of Islaam it is obligatory upon him that he comes with the pillars of Islaam and Eemaan [faith].

***As for the pillars of Islaam, they are as follows:***

- **The first pillar:** To testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah and that Muhammad is his messenger.

The meaning of that is that it is obligatory to state the declaration of faith and that the one who does so confirms that truthfully.

And it is obligatory upon him to learn the meaning of the declaration of faith which is that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah and everything that is worshipped besides him is worshipped upon falsehood. Allaah the most high said:

﴿ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَبَدُ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ هُوَ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ

الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ﴾ [الحج: ٦٢ / لقمان: ٣٠]

*That is because Allah He is the Truth (the only True God of all that exists, Who has no partners or rivals with Him), and what they (the polytheists) invoke besides Him, it is Batil (falsehood) And verily, Allah He is the Most High, the Most Great. [Al-Hajj:22:62 and Luqmaan:31:30]*

The meaning of Muhammad is the messenger of Allaah, is to recognise and believe that our prophet Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam is a messenger in truth. Allaah sent him to this nation so that he calls them to the worship of Allaah alone, and that he guides them to all that in which there is good and he warns them from all evil.

The messenger of Allaah sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, did not die until he conveyed the message, and rendered back the trusts to those to whom they were due and he advised

this nation, may the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him. Allaah the most high said:

﴿الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتِمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا﴾

[المائدة: ٣]

*This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.*  
[Al-Maa'idah:5:3]

- **The second pillar:** Establishing the 5 daily prayers: Allaah, has obligated upon every Muslim 5 prayers a day. They are Fajr, Dhuhur, 'Asar, Maghrib and 'Ishaa. The manner in which these prayers are performed are known to the Muslims and to Allaah belongs all praise and thanks.

And it is not permissible for a Muslim to leave of the prayers. The prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«بَيْنَ الرَّجُلِ وَالْكُفْرِ تَرْكُ الصَّلَاةِ» [رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ عَنْ جَابِرٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ]

*"Between a man and disbelief is leaving off the prayer". [reported by Muslim on the authority of Jaabir, may Allaah be pleased with him].*

- **The third pillar:** Giving zakaah (alms): The meaning of this is that Allaah has obligated upon the rich to give out in charity from their wealth. Therefore it is obligatory upon them that they give out money in charity to the poor yearly. It is also obligatory upon them to give out in charity from that which they grow from crops during harvest. For details regarding these issues the Muslim scholars can be asked.
- **The fourth pillar:** Fasting the month of Ramadhaan. Verily Allaah has obligated upon the Muslims that they fast the month of Ramadhaan and the meaning of this is: Worshipping Allaah by abstaining from food, drink and sexual relatives from sunrise to sunset.
- **The fifth pillar:** Making pilgrimage to Allaah's sacred house, for whoever is able. Meaning that, one has the strength to complete the rituals of Hajj. And has wealth that would suffice the provision of his family, his journey to Makkah and return to his country.

The manner in which this act of worship is performed is well known to the Muslims, and whatever is unclear from that, can be asked to the scholars of Islaam.

The proof of these pillars is the hadeeth of Ibnu 'Umar [may Allaah be pleased with them] in the two saheehs [Al – Bukhaari and Muslim] that the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«بُنِيَ الْإِسْلَامُ عَلَى خَمْسٍ: شَهَادَةِ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ، وَإِقَامَ الصَّلَاةِ، وَإِيتَاءَ الزَّكَاةِ، وَحَجَّ الْبَيْتِ، وَصَوْمَ رَمَضَانَ»

*“Islaam has been built upon five [pillars]: Testifying that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allaah and that Muhammad is the messenger of Allaah, establishing the salaah [prayer], paying the zakah [alms], making hajj [pilgrimage to the house, and fasting in Ramadhaan].”*

**As for the pillars of Eemaan [faith] they are six and are as follows:**

- **The first pillar:** The belief in Allaah: The meaning of this is that one acknowledges and believes in the existence of Allaah and that he is the creator of the heavens and the Earth and that which is between them and that he is the creator of all things. And that he is the one who manages all affairs and nothing is acquired except by his will and his creation.

And that he is the king of kings, everything is a possession of Allaah, the mighty and majestic and it is upon him to acknowledge and believe that Allaah is the true deity and whatever is worshipped besides him is worshipped in falsehood.

And that to Allaah belong beautiful names and lofty attributes that he specified for himself or his messenger specified for him. Nothing from his creation is comparable to him. He the most high said:

﴿لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ﴾ [الشورى: ١١]

*There is nothing like unto Him, and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer. [Ash – Shuraa: 42:11].*

- **The second pillar:** The belief in His angels: It is obligatory upon the Muslim to believe that to Allaah belongs a creation created from light, they are called angels. Mankind cannot see them. They worship Allaah glorify him in the night and day and they never slacken to do so. They do not disobey Allaah in that which He commands them. Many from them have actions they are assigned to, they do those actions as Allaah has commanded them. He the most high said:



﴿وَلِلّٰهِ يَسْجُدُ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْاَرْضِ مِنْ دَابَّةٍ وَالْمَلٰٓئِكَةُ وَهُمْ لَا

يَسْتَكْبِرُوْنَ ۚ يَخَافُوْنَ رَبَّهُمْ مِّنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَيَفْعَلُوْنَ مَا يُؤْمَرُوْنَ ﴿ [النحل: ٥٠ - ٤٩]

*And to Allah prostrate all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth, of the live moving creatures and the angels, and they are not proud [i.e. they worship their Lord (Allah) with humility]. They fear their Lord above them, and they do what they are commanded. [An-Nahl: 16: 49-50].*

﴿وَقَالُوا اتَّخَذَ الرَّحْمٰنُ وَلَدًا سُبْحٰنَهُۥٓ بَلْ عِبَادٌ مُّكْرَمٰتٌ ۚ لَا

يَسْبِقُوْنَهُۥٓ بِالْقَوْلِ ۖ وَهُمْ بِأَمْرِهِۦ يَعْمَلُوْنَ ۚ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلَا يَشْفَعُوْنَ إِلَّا لِمَنْ أَرَادَتْهُۥٓ مِنْ خَشِيَّتِهِۦٓ مُشْفِقُوْنَ ﴿

[الأنبياء: ٢٨ - ٢٦]

*And they say: "The Most Beneficent (Allah) has begotten a son (or children)." Glory to Him! They [those whom they call children of Allah i.e. the angels, 'Iesa (Jesus) son of Maryam (Mary), 'Uzair (Ezra), etc.], are but honoured slaves. They speak not until He has spoken, and they act on His Command. He knows what is before them, and what is behind them, and they cannot intercede except for him with whom He is pleased. And they stand in awe for fear of Him. [Al - Anbiyaa: 21: 26-28].*

And he sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«خُلِقَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ مِنْ نُورٍ» [أَخْرَجَهُ مُسْلِمٌ عَنْ عَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا]

*"The angels were created from light" [reported by Muslim on the authority of 'Aaisha may Allaah be pleased with her].*

- **The third pillar:** The belief in the books: This means that the Muslim acknowledges and believes that Allaah the mighty and majestic revealed books to his Messengers and they were from his speech [glorified and exalted is he] and not created. In these books are judgements, narrations, admonitions, reminders, guidance and mercy.

From these books are: The Torah, which was revealed to Musa. The Injeel, [Gospel] which was revealed to Eesaa. The Zaboor, [Psalms] which was revealed to Dawood. May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon them.

All of these books have been distorted and changed, and what remains preserved from them is the noble Qur'aan, which was revealed to our prophet, Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam. It will not be distorted or changed. The most high said:

﴿ إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ ﴾ [الحجر: ٩]

*Verily it is We Who have sent down the Dhikr (i.e. the Quran) and surely, We will guard it (from corruption). [Al-Hijr:15:9].*

- **The fourth pillar:** The belief in the messengers: This means that the Muslim acknowledges and believes that Allaah the mighty and majestic sent messengers to every nation calling them to the worship of Allaah alone. Allaah the mighty and majestic said:

﴿ وَمَا كُنَّا مُعَذِّبِينَ حَتَّىٰ نَبْعَثَ رَسُولًا ﴾ [الإسراء: ١٥]

*And We never punish until We have sent a Messenger (to give warning). [Al-Israa:17:15].*

And he the most high said:

﴿ وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ ﴾

[النحل: ٣٦]

*And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): "Worship Allah (Alone), and avoid (or keep away from) Taghut (all false deities, etc. i.e. do not worship Taghut besides Allah). [An-Nahl:16:36].*

And it is obligatory to believe that all the messengers of Allaah conveyed the message and gave people their due right and that Allaah established proofs upon the people by way of them. He the most high said:

﴿ رُسُلًا مُّبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ لِئَلَّا يَكُونَ لِلنَّاسِ عَلَى اللَّهِ حُجَّةٌ بَعْدَ الرُّسُلِ ﴾

[النساء: ١٦٥]

*Messengers as bearers of good news, as well as of warning in order that mankind should have no plea against Allah after the Messengers. [An-Nisaa:4:165].*

- **The fifth pillar:** The belief in the last day: And the meaning of this is that it is obligatory upon the Muslim that he believes and acknowledges the resurrection after death, the reckoning [on the day of Judgement], in paradise and hell and everything

that Allaah the mighty and majestic mentioned which will occur on the day of resurrection.

Allaah the mighty and majestic said:

﴿ زَعَمَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنْ لَنْ يُبْعَثُوا قُلْ بَلَىٰ وَرَبِّي لَتُبْعَثُنَّ ثُمَّ لَتُنَبَّؤُنَّ بِمَا عَمِلْتُمْ وَذَٰلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ﴾ [التغابن: ٧]

*The disbelievers pretend that they will never be resurrected (for the Account). Say (O Muhammad SAW): "Yes! By my Lord, you will certainly be resurrected, then you will be informed of (and recompensed for) what you did, and that is easy for Allah. [At-Taghaabun:64:7]*

It is obligatory to believe that the believer is deserving of paradise and that the disbeliever is deserving of the hell-fire. Allaah the most high said:

﴿ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ كَانَتْ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ الْفِرْدَوْسِ نُزُلًا ﴾ [الكهف: ١٠٧]

*Verily! Those who believe (in the Oneness of Allah Islamic Monotheism) and do righteous deeds, shall have the Gardens of Al-Firdaus (the Paradise) for their entertainment. [Al-Kahaf:18:107].*

And He the most high said:

﴿ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَهُمْ نَارُ جَهَنَّمَ لَا يُقْضَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ فَيَمُوتُوا وَلَا يُخَفَّفُ عَنْهُمْ مِنْ عَذَابِهَا كَذَٰلِكَ نَجْزِي كُلَّ كَافِرٍ ﴾ [فاطر: ٣٦]

*But those who disbelieve, (in the Oneness of Allah - Islamic Monotheism) for them will be the Fire of Hell. Neither it will have a complete killing effect on them so that they die, nor shall its torment be lightened for them. Thus do We requite every disbeliever! [Faatiir:35:36].*

From the belief in the last day is that the believers will see their on the day of resurrection, and that they will see Him in paradise and they will find pleasure and enjoyment in that and they will not be given anything more beloved to them than seeing the face of their lord the mighty and majestic. He the most high said:

﴿ وَجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ نَّاصِرَةٌ \* إِلَىٰ رَبِّهَا نَاظِرَةٌ ﴾ [القيامة: ٢٢-٢٣]

*Some faces that Day shall be Nadīrah (shining and radiant). Looking at their Lord (Allaah) [Al-Qiyaamah:75:22-23]*

And He the most high said:

﴿لِّلَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا الْحُسْنَىٰ وَزِيَادَةٌ﴾ [يونس: ٢٦]

*For those who have done good is the best (reward, i.e. Paradise) and even more (i.e. having the honour of glancing at the Countenance of Allah). [Yunus:10:26]*

“And even more” what is meant by this is looking at the face of Allaah the mighty and majestic as the messenger sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam explained.

This look [at Allaah] will not occur in this worldly life because Allaah the might and majestic said:

﴿لَا تُدْرِكُهُ الْأَبْصَارُ وَهُوَ يُدْرِكُ الْأَبْصَارَ﴾ [الأنعام: ١٠٣]

*No vision can grasp Him, but His Grasp is over all vision.*  
[Al-An'aam:6:103]

The sight is not capable to see Allaah in this worldly life. The prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«إِعْلَمُوا أَنَّكُمْ لَنْ تَرَوْا رَبَّكُمْ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ حَتَّى تَمُوتُوا» [رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ عَنْ رَجُلٍ  
مِّنْ أَصْحَابِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ]

*“Know that you will not see your lord the mighty and majestic until you die” [reported by Muslim on the authority of a man from the companions of the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam].*

- **The sixth pillar:** The belief in the pre-decree, its good and its evil: The meaning of this is that the Muslim believes and acknowledges that Allaah the mighty and majestic knew everything that will happen from the good and evil and what He wanted to happen that way and then he wrote it in the 'lauh Al Mahfuz' [preserved tablet] 50,000 years before He created the heavens and the Earth. Then He willed for it and created it. Allaah the most high said:

﴿ذَٰلِكَ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ﴾ [المائدة: ٩٧]

*That you may know that Allah has knowledge of all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth, and that Allah is the All-Knower of each and everything. [Al-Maa'idah:5:97]*

And He the most high said:

﴿مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ نَبْرَأَهَا إِنَّ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ﴾ [الحديد: ٢٢]

*No calamity befalls on the earth or in yourselves but is inscribed in the Book of Decrees (Al-Lauh Al-Mahfuz), before We bring it into existence. Verily, that is easy for Allaah. [Al-Hadid:57:22].*

And it occurs in the saheeh of Imaam Muslim on the authority of Abdullah bin 'Amr bin Al 'Aas [may Allaah be pleased with him] that the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«كَتَبَ اللَّهُ مَقَادِيرَ الْخَلَائِقِ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَخْلُقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِخَمْسِينَ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ، وَكَانَ عَرْشُهُ عَلَى الْمَاءِ»

*"Allaah measured the amount of sustenance of the creatures fifty thousand years before He created the heavens and the earth and His throne was above water".*

And He the most high said:

﴿وَمَا تَشَاءُونَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ﴾ [التكوير: ٢٩]

*And you will not, unless (it be) that Allah wills, the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists). [At-Takwir:81:29]*

And He the most high said:

﴿إِنَّمَا أَمْرُهُ إِذَا أَرَادَ شَيْئًا أَنْ يَقُولَ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ﴾ [يس: ٨٢]

*Verily, His Command, when He intends a thing, is only that He says to it, "Be!" and it is! [Ya-sin:36:82]*

And as we mentioned earlier it is obligatory upon all of mankind to act upon the religion of Islaam, for indeed Allaah the most high said:

﴿وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ﴾

[آل عمران: ٨٥]



*And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers.*  
[Aali 'Imraan:3:85]

And as for His saying, the most high:

﴿لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ﴾ [البقرة: ٢٥٦]  
*There is no compulsion in religion. Verify, the Right Path has become distinct from the wrong path. [Al-Baqarah:2:256]*

What is intended by this verse is that one's acceptance of Islaam is only accepted if he embraces it upon his choice, and the Islaam of someone who embraces it through compulsion is not correct.

And it is not intended by this verse that the disbelievers are not fought against until they embrace Islaam, for indeed the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam the disbelievers, the polytheists, the Jews and the Christians until they embraced Islaam or paid the Jizyah [a tax paid by the non- Muslims living around the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam and the believers] with willing submission and feel themselves subdued.

The most high said:

﴿قَاتِلُوا الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَا بِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَلَا يُحَرِّمُونَ مَا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَلَا يَدِينُونَ دِينَ الْحَقِّ مِنَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ حَتَّى يُعْطُوا الْجِزْيَةَ عَنْ يَدٍ وَهُمْ صَاغِرُونَ﴾ [التوبة: ٢٩]  
*Fight against those who (1) believe not in Allah, (2) nor in the Last Day, (3) nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger (4) and those who acknowledge not the religion of truth (i.e. Islam) among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), until they pay the Jizyah with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued. [At-Tawbah:9:29]*

And the prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«أَمَرْتُ أَنْ أَقَاتِلَ النَّاسَ حَتَّى يَشْهَدُوا أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ، وَيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ، وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ، فَإِذَا فَعَلُوا ذَلِكَ، عَصَمُوا مِنِّي دِمَاءَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ إِلَّا بِحَقِّهَا، وَحِسَابُهُمْ عَلَى اللَّهِ

تَعَالَى « مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ ، عَنْ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا ]

*"I have been ordered to fight against people until they testify that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammed is the messenger of Allah and until they perform the prayers and pay the zakat, and if they do so they will have gained protection from me for their lives and property, unless [they do acts that are punishable] in accordance with Islam, and their reckoning will be with Allah the Almighty." [agreed upon by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim on the authority of Ibn 'Umar may Allaah be pleased with them].*

And it is obligatory upon the Muslim leaders [May Allaah rectify their affairs and grant them success in all that which is good] that they are not pleased with and they dislike the system of the disbelievers and that is; democracy and freedom of religion.

And it is obligatory upon them that they reject religions other than Islaam in the Islaamic states.

And it is obligatory upon the Muslim leaders [may Allaah grant them success] that they establish the punishments set by Allaah the mighty and majestic, such as executing the one who murders intentionally, cutting the hand of the thief, lashing the fornicator with 100 lashes, stoning the adulterer and adulteress to death, lashing the one who drinks and reprimanding the ones who sin publicly and cause corruption. The most high said:

﴿وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُٓ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ﴾ \* الَّذِينَ إِنْ مَكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَمَرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ  
وَلِلَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ ﴿[الحج: ٤٠-٤١]

*Verily, Allah will help those who help His (Cause). Truly, Allah is All-Strong, All-Mighty. Those (Muslim rulers) who, if We give them power in the land, (they) order for Iqamat-as-Salat. [i.e. to perform the five compulsory congregational Salat (prayers) (the males in mosques)], to pay the Zakat and they enjoin Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do), and forbid Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism and all that Islam has forbidden) [i.e. they make the Quran as the law of their country in all the spheres of life]. And with Allah rests the end of (all) matters (of creatures). [Al-Hajj:22:40-41]*

And we advise every Muslim that he warns himself against the callers to falsehood, those that call to innovation and misguidance such as; the Soofees and the Shee'ah for indeed these two sects that ascribe themselves to Islaam have with them misguidance, and are far in error.

So the Muslim who embraces Islaam at the hands of such people will fall into misguidance, seduction and perhaps may fall into disbelief and shirk. Therefore his Islaam will be of no benefit to him at that point.

It is also obligatory upon the Muslim that he warns himself concerning the sitting with people of evil, disobedience, innovation and partisanship. Rather it is obligatory upon him to be keen with the utmost care that he sits with the people of Sunnah, those who are the people of truth. They are those who take up learning Islaam and distance themselves from innovations, deviations and sins as far as they are able.

And it is obligatory upon the Muslim to beware of loving and attaching himself to the disbelievers imitating them and sitting with them. Allaah the most high said:

﴿لَا تَجِدُ قَوْمًا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ يُوَادُّونَ مَنْ حَادَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَوْ كَانُوا آبَاءَهُمْ أَوْ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ أَوْ إِخْوَانَهُمْ أَوْ عَشِيرَتَهُمْ أُولَئِكَ كَتَبَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الْإِيمَانَ وَأَيَّدَهُمْ بِرُوحٍ مِّنْهُ وَيُدْخِلُهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرَى مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ أُولَئِكَ حِزْبُ اللَّهِ أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ﴾ [المجادلة: ٢٢]

*You [O Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam] will not find any people who believe in Allah and the Last Day, making friendship with those who oppose Allah and His Messenger [Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam], even though they were their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers, or their kindred (people). For such He has written Faith in their hearts, and strengthened them with Ruh (proofs, light and true guidance) from Himself. And We will admit them to Gardens (Paradise) under which rivers flow, to dwell therein [forever]. Allah is pleased with them, and they with Him. They are the Party of Allah.*

*Verily, it is the Party of Allah that will be the successful.*

[Al - Mujaadilah:58:22]

And He the most high said:

﴿وَإِذَا رَأَيْتَ الَّذِينَ يَخُوضُونَ فِي آيَاتِنَا فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْهُمْ حَتَّى يَخُوضُوا فِي حَدِيثٍ غَيْرِهِ﴾ [الأنعام: ٦٨]

*And when you [Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam] see those who engage in a false conversation about Our Verses [of the Quran]*

*by mocking at them, stay away from them till they turn to another topic. [Al-An'aam:6:68]*

And He the most high said:

﴿وَيَوْمَ يَعَضُّ الظَّالِمُ عَلَى يَدَيْهِ يَقُولُ يَلَيْتَنِي أَتَّخَذْتُ مَعَ الرَّسُولِ سَبِيلًا \*  
يَتَوَلَّى لَيْتَنِي لَمْ أَتَّخِذْ فُلَانًا خَلِيلًا \* لَقَدْ أَضَلَّنِي عَنِ الذِّكْرِ بَعْدَ إِذْ جَاءَنِي  
وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِلْإِنْسَانِ خَذُولًا﴾ [الفرقان: ٢٧-٢٩]

*And (remember) the Day when the Zalim [wrong-doer, oppressor, polytheist, etc.] will bite at his hands, he will say:  
"Oh! Would that I had taken a path with the Messenger [Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam] . "Ah! Woe to me!  
Would that I had never taken so-and-so as a friend! "He indeed led me astray from the Reminder (this Quran) after it had come to me. And Shaitan [Satan] is ever a deserter to man in the hour of need." [Al-Furqaan:25:27-29]*

And in the Musnad of Imaam Ahmad and the Sunan of Abi Dawood on the authority of Ibn Umar [may Allaah be pleased with them] who said that the messenger of Allaah sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:

«مَنْ تَشَبَّهَ بِقَوْمٍ فَهُوَ مِنْهُمْ»  
*Whoever imitates a people is one of them.*

And we advise the Muslims to take the books of the people of knowledge from the people of the Sunnah, those that follow the pious predecessors may Allaah be pleased with them. And from these:

- Al – Imaam Naasirudeen Al-Albaani
- Al-Imaam 'Abdul'azeez Ibnu Baaz
- Imaam Muhammad Bin Saalih Al-Uthaymeen
- Imaam Muqbil Bin Haadee Al-Waadi'ee
- The virtuous Shaykh Saalih Al-Fawzaan
- The virtuous Shaykh Rabee' Bin Haadee Al-Madkhalee
- The virtuous Shaykh Yahya Bin Alee Al-Hajooree
- And other than them, may Allaah have mercy upon all them.

And we advise the Muslim that he seeks knowledge and seek understanding of the religion from those who were previously mentioned, or whoever resembles them in their approach and their steadfastness, or that they take from their books, tapes and benefit from them.

And likewise the Muslim who is not able to speak in the Arabic language that he learns the Arabic language until he is able to read the Qur'aan and Sunnah and learn his religion.

I ask Allaah the mighty and majestic that he benefits me and the rest of the Muslims with that which I have written, and that he makes it sincerely for his face, of benefit to before Him, on the day of His meeting. And we ask Allaah that He keeps us firm upon Islaam until we meet Him, and all praise and thanks be to Allaah lord of all that exists.

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